(1) Road from Pallivasal to Periyakanal, passing Bison Valley and Kilavipara ;

(2) Road from Bodimettu to meet the Periyakanal road ;
(3) Road from Challar Koil to Chithanpara passing Chakkupallam ;
(4) Road from Vandametu to Bambadumpara passing Paithianpara.

DEWAN'S REPLY : Mr. Hussain Khan Rowther, I am afraid you are entirely misinformed in your facts as regards the dues contributed by the cardamom planters Rs. 4 or 5 thousand a year—in comparison with the payments made by planters of other produce.

In regard to the roads you want, I see you want one to Bodimettu, that is, to the frontier, to make it easier for you to come from and go to Madura. Government have recently had a bridle path opened from Periyakanal to Bison Valley. That will give you the convenience. In the light of the fact that cardamom lands are not to be thrown open to cultivation in the immediate future to any great extent, there is no justification for considering the question of more roads for the cardamom area.

44. Widening the Northern Outlet Road.

MR. ALBERT J. WRIGHT (*Member, Kannan Devan Planters' Association*) said that the Northern Outlet road which provided the only outlet from the High Range was being found dangerously narrow in many places. The diversion of so much transport of foodstuffs to this road in connection with the outbreak of plague forced this question into prominence, but with the opening of the Dindigul-Pollachi railway in the near future, Udumalpet was sure to become the railway outlet for passenger traffic if not for a considerable proportion of goods traffic, and the road would have to bear much more traffic than in the past. It was therefore imperative that the road should be widened.

DEWAN'S REPLY : Mr. Wright, the principal argument you have made use of for widening the Northern Outlet Road *viz.*, the Munnar to Chinnar road, is itself a powerful argument against the improvement being made. You say that the completion of the Dindigal-Pollachi railway line makes Udumalpet an important trade centre and outlet, and consequently a larger amount of goods will flow out of Travancore and Udumalpet. This itself is an excellent reason for not improving the road, and instead, concentrating our attention on the Neriamangalam-Pallivasal road so that goods will have an excellent western outlet. I therefore propose that your request may stand over till the Neriamangalam-Pallivasal road is completed.

The Assembly adjourned at 4-30 P. M. to meet again at 11-30 A. M. on Thursday, the 1st March 1928.

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